ABSTRACT

SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE

Software is maintained on a computer system. A software
recording application having data on maintenance items already
installed on the computer system is started in a host session. A
database application is started in a second host session. The
database application has a database of maintenance items which
can be applied. Each item in the database includes prerequisite
and corequisite items. A maintenance application is activated on
the computer system and a list of maintenance items to be
installed on the computer system is entered. The database is
searched for prerequisite and corequisite items for each item on
the entered list and those items are added to the list.   Items
on the list which have already been received are determined from
the software recording application and those items not received
are added to an order list. Items on the order list are ordered,
received, and applied to the computer system.